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### ANNUAL MEETING OF ARIZONA DENTISTS

#### RESUME OF THE BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

#### Election of New Officers—Reference to Interesting Clinics.

The third annual session of the Arizona Dental society terminated its labors and refreshments Thursday night, or, more properly speaking, Friday morning, at the California restaurant. The hour of revelry was long drawnout and the good things said and eaten will be remembered by all long past the time of the next annual session, the place of which has not yet been determined, but the Phoenix members are anxious to have it here again in the natural convention city of Arizona.

The session lasted three days, and was highly interesting, the meetings and clinics being held in the office of Dr. John A. Lentz mornings and evenings, leaving the afternoons free for attending the fair.

The first session, Tuesday morning, was devoted to papers and reports of officers. The president, Dr. J. Harvey Blain of Prescott, presented his annual address, which dwelt principally upon the great importance of oral hygiene to all patients and dentists alike. The following new members were elected at this meeting, which nearly exhausts the list of eligible dentists in Arizona: A. B. Rood, Ray; C. F. Portz, Flagstaff; F. P. Gaines, Holbrook; L. R. Brown, Douglas; Paul McIntosh, Kingman; P. J. Ritchie, Williams, and John T. Dunlap, John A. Cook and W. D. Shackelford of Phoenix.

Dr. J. F. Teufert of Yuma read a paper entitled, "High Frequency Currents in Dentistry," followed by his clinic demonstrating its use for the reduction of an alveolar abscess. The doctor also gave another interesting clinic illustrating his method of making a special gold crown. Another interesting clinic was the very difficult extraction of an upper molar by Dr. F. P. Gaines of Flagstaff, who administered his own local anesthetic. Wednesday evening Dr. John A. Lentz read a very able paper on the "Treatment and Filling of Root Canals," and Thursday morning Dr. W. P. Sims of Bisbee read his paper

entitled, "Porcelain Grinding Surfaces for Posterior Bridges." Both of these papers were highly appreciated by all members fortunate enough to be present.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Dr. W. P. Sims of Bisbee.

Vice President—Dr. W. A. Baker of Tucson.

Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. H. H. Wilson of Phoenix.

Board of Directors—J. Harvey Blain of Prescott, J. A. Messinger of Phoenix, J. L. O'Connell of Phoenix, acting with president and secretary-treasurer.

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Committee on Dental Education—H. H. Wilson of Phoenix, John A. Lentz of Phoenix, L. C. Shaw of Tucson.

The secretary was instructed to take such action as necessary to affiliate the society with the National Dental association.

At the smoker Thursday evening Dr. J. F. Teufert, on behalf of Mrs. Teufert, presented to the society a beautifully embroidered sofa pillow, her own handiwork. Dr. J. L. O'Connell, who served as toastmaster, ex-

tended to Mrs. Teufert and the doctor the thanks of the society.

The visiting members were especially effusive to their Phoenix hosts and voted them jolly good fellows.

### WE DIFFER FROM CANADIAN COUSINS

The functions of a Canadian province are more extensive than those of an American state. The government of Manitoba builds and operates telegraphs and telephones, and owns and operates court-houses, prisons, hospitals, and asylums such as in an American state, are left to the control of local authorities. The transactions of municipal government are regularly supervised, and some state aid is given to municipalities. Nevertheless, all control with full information centers in the legislature. If a legislator wants to know anything about the matter of fact or policy in the conduct of any public office, a responsible official is present to answer. The rules of order give a preferred position to "Questions put by Members" on two days of every week of the session. Nobody in an American state has the opportunities of information possessed by every member of a Canadian legislature.

Every Canadian official holds office subject to a recall immediate in its action if applied. The administration may be turned out of office any time by a vote of the legislative assembly. Officials are appointed not for definite terms, but during good behavior, of which the administration is the judge, and no appeal lies from its decisions. Canadian courts cannot entertain actions for unlawful dismissal such as are frequently brought in American courts. Judges themselves are not exempt from control, although in the Canadian system the control is vested in the Dominion Parliament. Any judge may be removed upon the address of the Dominion Parliament, and since the administration rests upon a parliamentary majority this virtually puts the matter within the discretion of the administration.

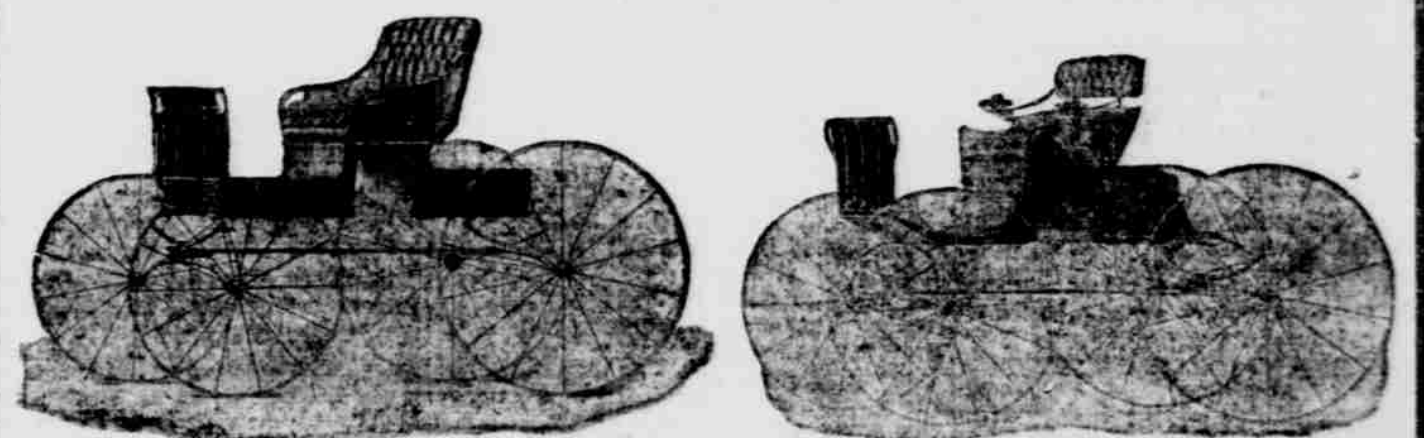
It is easy to see that such conditions make the position of member of the legislature a position of more dignity in Canada than in the United States. An American legislature is but one among many public bodies upon which power has been conferred by popular vote. A Canadian legislature is the depository of all public authority. It has no rivals or co-ordinates. No officers of state have been elected by the people other than the members of the legislature. Thus the members are really and truly the representatives of the people, the organ of the will of the people. This explains the difference in tone and behavior that one notices between legislative bodies north and south of the boundary line. Popular characteristics are much the same, but the class of office brokers, claim agents,

spoils-hunters, and lobby servants who get into American legislatures are practically excluded from Canadian legislatures simply because there is no field for their arts and crafts. The character of legislative bodies is not determined by the choice of the people. Choice is practically limited to

those who offer themselves. The quality of the offerings is determined by the conditions in which the members must act. The conditions repel from American legislatures abilities attracted by Canadian legislatures, and vice versa, so that in each case the general character of the membership

is adjusted to the environment. If the tone of a legislative body is below that of the community from which it issues, that is evidence of defect in the constitutional system.—Henry Jones Ford, in the November number of The North American Review.

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